OBITUARY NOTES

MARCUS WILKERSON, director of the Louisiana State University Press, died suddenly on March 14 following a severe case of influenza. He was 57 years old. Mr. Wilkerson had been director of the press since 1935, and since 1926 had been professor of journalism at Louisiana State University, having joined the faculty in 1924. He was born in Boyce, Rapides Parish, Louisiana, and was graduated from LSU with the B.A. degree in 1924, receiving the M.A. degree from LSU in 1926 and the Ph.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1931. Mr. Wilkerson had been a legislative correspondent for several Louisiana newspapers and for the Associated Press from 1926 to 1930, editor of the *Louisiana Leader* from 1933 to 1942, and associate editor of the *Louisiana Quarterly* since 1938. He was a member of the book publishing and manufacturing industry advisory committee of the War Production Board, 1942-43.

Mr. Wilkerson was active in the affairs of the Association of American University Presses. He served on a number of committees, and as vice-president of the association, 1951-52.

He was the author of two books, "Public Opinion and the Spanish-American War: A Study in War Propaganda" and "Thomas Duckett Boyd: The Story of a Southern Educator" (both *LSU Press*).

He was a member of the American Committee on Education for Journalism, American Association of Teachers of Journalism, and the American Association of University Professors.

The next meeting of the Association of American University Presses will be held in New Orleans April 12-14 in spite of the death of Mr. Wilkerson, and the Louisiana State University Press will be hosts of the convention.